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Rutherford Seeks to Unite Mountain Service Agencies with Council of Governments

SAN BERNARDINO—June 15, 2015—San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford has invited public service agencies from throughout the Rim of the World mountain communities to participate in a council of governments to help improve communication and collaboration between the agencies.

"The Rim of the World Council of Governments (ROWCOG) is a great way to bring the elected leaders of the mountain's public service agencies together to develop shared solutions to community issues," Rutherford said. "The mountain communities have consistently proven how much can be accomplished through coordination and collaboration during major wildfires, and the ROWCOG aims to extend that strong spirit of cooperation year-round."

Supervisor Rutherford invited the elected boards of directors of mountain public service agencies to each appoint one of their members to serve on the ROWCOG. The invited agencies include Running Springs Water and Fire District, Rim of the World Unified School District, Mountains Community Hospital District, Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, Crestline Lake Arrowhead Water Agency, Crestline Village Water District, Rim of the World Recreation and Park District, and the Crestline Sanitation District.

The first ROWCOG meeting will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 9 at Rim of the World High School. San Bernardino County Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux, Santa Ana Watershed Authority Director Celeste Cantú and Beacon Economics Director of Economic Research Jordan Levine are scheduled to speak at the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public, and residents will have an opportunity to address the Council. An agenda will be posted at the high school at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

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